## Christmas Decorations For The Home

At the December meeting of the Senior Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America, Appomattox County High School, on Wednesday morning, December 13th, in the school auditorium, Betty Douglas, on the left, and Linda Thornton, on the right, representatives from Southside Electric Co-op of Crewe, presented a program on "Ideas For Christmas Decorations For the Home".

Approximately 150 members of the FHA attended the meeting. They were shown ideas on making wall decorations, door decorations, door decorations with lights, center pieces for tables, gift items and many other decorations that could be easily made – but they were encouraged to not follow the ideas shown them but to be original in making various decorations for their homes.

Gay Honeycutt, Program Chairman, made all arrangements for the program.

Mrs. Madeline Thomas is Club Advisor.

## Local Students Receive Diplomas From Phillips

Fall quarter graduation exercises were held at 8:00 p.m. December 15, 1972, in the college auditorium. Rev. Fletcher Hubbard, father of one of the graduates, gave the invocation. Jane Johnston, member of the graduating class, gave the welcome.

Mrs. W. G. Dove, instructor at the college, introduced the members of the graduating class who were the speakers for the program: Maryland J. Franklin, Madison Heights; Harold T. Martin, Appomattox; and Clyde L. Trent, also of Appomattox. The speakers were selected for their academic standing.

Harry G. Green, president of the college, awarded the following diplomas and certificates: Diplomas in the Business Administration Department went to Harold T. Martin, Appomattox, Jeff W. Thrower, South Boston; and Clyde L. Trent, Appomattox, all with the Higher Accounting Major. Jessie Lee Hubbard, Lynchburg, received the diploma with an Accounting Major.

Maryland J. Franklin, Madison Heights, and Patricia A. Galladay, Lynchburg, received diplomas in the Secretarial Science Department with the Basic Secretarial Major. Mrs. Kenneth O. Lovelace, Lynchburg; and Kay F. Wilkerson, also of Lynchburg; both received diplomas in the Stenograph Course.

Clerk Typist certificates were awarded to Jane R. Johnston, Bedford; and Sadie Lee Patrick, Plymouth N. C.

A classday assembly for the student body was held at 10:00 a.m. December 14, at which honors and awards were announced. Maryland J. Franklin received the student vote for "student of the quarter". Faculty awards were presented to Jessie Lee Hubbard for Progress; Jane R. Johnston, Booster; Jeff W. Thrower, Co-Operation; and Harold T. Martin, Best-all-Around.

## *How to Keep Yule Plants*

Yes, those cherished holiday plants can keep on growing into next year.

As a tropical plant, poinsettias like plenty of water and warmth—70 to 80 degrees. Be sure to keep these plants in a warm place at night.

Though they blaze with fiery-red-colored balls, Jerusalem cherries are rather cool natured. For them, the temperature should be held at 60 to 65 degrees. Avoid overwatering.

## Byrd's Voting Record At 97%

**Washington** – Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr., cast his vote in 98 percent of the roll calls held in the Senate this year.

Only 5 members of the Senate voted more often than Byrd. Of the 532 Senate roll calls, Byrd voted on 519.

The Senators with higher participation records were William Proxmire of Wisconsin and Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, with 100 percent, and James B. Allen of Alabama, Richard S. Schweiker of Pennsylvania and Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, with 99 percent.

For the entire 92nd Congress, covering the sessions of 1971 and 1972, Byrd's participation record was 97 percent. Only Proxmire, Schweiker and Allen had better records for the two-year period.

Senator Byrd cast his first vote in the Senate in 1966. Since then there have been 2,455 roll calls, and he has voted in 2,315 of them.

That gives Byrd a career record of 94 percent participation in Senate votes.

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS GREETINGS

Christmas is just around the corner, and we will look forward to the New Year of 1973. Now I will say to everyone a Merry Christmas wherever you may be. In the beginning of this New Year be it children, woman or man, commend you to Him who is able to keep you steadfast. May we not fail Him, no, not ever, but make each day a must. May our Lord continue to bless us all the days of our life. Most sincerely. A Christian Worker.

Mrs. Annie R. Fore, PS Secretary for the Appomattox S.S.A. Church.

"The Little Friendly Church" in Appomattox Court Street, hopes that with us you will often meet. You will always find a warm welcome there. To all whom it may concern. We want you to know it is our daily prayer, and duty to proffer the invitation for we really care. It is very fitting that we thank God at this season of the year for all His benefits. As the past and the future merge together, likewise our God and all fellow Christians are met in a great text of Scripture found in Romans 16:25 "Now I commend you to Him who is able to keep you steadfast". May we remember as time rushes on that "Everyday is a little life, and our whole life is but a day repeated." (Joseph Hall) Each day God says to us "Now I

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## Santa Visits At Sorority Party

Alpha Zeta Chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi recently held their annual Christmas party on Sunday evening, December 17th, at the Appomattox County Rescue Squad Building. The party was for members, their families and children.

The highlight of the evening was the visit of Santa Claus, pictured above with his helper, Robin LeGrande. Seth Thomas was Santa Bartett. Santa brought gifts for the children.

The children observed an old Mexican Christmas custom – the Piniata. A candy-filled paper-mache Santa figure was suspended by rope and the children took turns beating it with a stick until its contents spilled on the floor and then the children all scrambled for their share of the candy.

Refreshments were prepared and served by members of the sorority chapter.

Members of the sorority had been participating in a fund raising project, theselling of chances for a card table and four chairs, and at this meeting the drawing for the winner took place. Mrs. Cora Fitzgerald won the table and chairs.

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...started falling on ...ing eve and resulted ...ntemental traffic ...ows in Loudoun ...ow estimates had ...10,000 vehicles snowlocked on VA 7 and US 50 Thanksgiving morning. Snow reached depths of 24 inches in some parts of the county.

In Feburary, another storm hit the area and snow, accompanied by gale-like winds, fell to depths of 20 inches and drifted as high as 12 to 15 feet. Remote areas of some counties of Northern Virginia were isolated for days – some without electricity, fuel or telephone service as a result of the storm. Highway Department maintenance personnel worked around the clock some for 40-plus straight hours – against topheavy odds: a 20-inch snowfall compounded by drifts.

The Highway Department gives high priority to keeping roads and highways open during such critical times as these so that vital services can be kept flowing to stricken communities, Leight said. This takes before-the-fact planning and swift, thorough on-the-spot execution.

Standing almost ready now across the state are some 300,000 tons of chemicals and abrasives stockpiled at more than 350 locations, plus a virtual armada of mechanized heavy equipment for combatting snow and ice.

There are 422 motor graders, 311 loaders, 122 dozers, more than 2,000 trucks with plows, 1,500 spreaders for laying chemicals and abrasives and 19 rotary snowplows – those big blowers so effective in flattening drifts.

All equipment is undergoing on-the-spot checking and testing and will be used in practice runs later this month as maintenance personnel go through simulated exercises in snow removal.

Leigh said that each year the old equipment no longer capable of performing the difficult tasks called for is replaced by more modern, sophisticated units. He cited a mammoth new spreader for covering a potential snow-laden road with chemicals and abrasives. This road giant can be loaded with 11 cubic yards of snow melting material (the average spreader has a four-cubic-yard capacity), making it steadier than other spreaders which periodically have to return to the stockpile for additional material. Also standing ready for service on an experimental basis are two under-body plows (the blades are placed between the front and back wheels of the vehicle) which are capable of speeds of up to 40 to 50 miles an hour, clearing the roads as they go.

These newer pieces of equipment will be used on the state's interstate system of roads.

Additionally, arrangements have been made with private contractors to provide some 1,500 pieces of equipment and drivers to back up the state's crews in severe storms.

The department will also continue its arrangement with the Virginia trucking industry called Operation Snow Alert – an agreement whereby the industry keeps its trucks off highways where they are traffic tieups during storms. This arrangement is beneficial to the public, the department and the trucking industry.

It also has a contract with a private concern, the Northeast Weather Service, to receive weather forecasts. The Massachusetts-based firm makes customized predictions and tracks winter storms. This information is called in to each district as well as to the central office in Richmond when bad weather is expected, and supplements reports from the United States Weather Bureau.

You can't build up a reputation on what you are going to do.
-Henry Ford

## Start Ambrosia With Apricots

This holiday season, serve a traditional dessert of the Ol' South – festive Ambrosia! Since it starts with a can of apricots, this fruit dessert is simple to make, as well nutritious to eat!

Arrange the 'cots with other items like oranges and coconut in your fanciest serving bowl. Garnish with colorful maraschino cherries, then chill until dessert time. Serve in spectacular style!

Happy, happy holidays!

HOLIDAY APRICOT AMBROSIA

(Makes 6 servings)

1 can (30 ounces) whole apricots
4 large oranges, sectioned (about 2½ cups)
3 tablespoons orange juice
¾ cup shredded coconut
Stemmed red maraschino cherries

Drain apricots, reserving ⅓ cup syrup. Combine orange sections, orange juice and reserved apricot syrup in glass serving dish. Sprinkle ⅓ cup of coconut on the fruit. Arrange apricots on top, removing pits first if desired. Garnish with remaining coconut and cherries. Chill before serving.

## Estimate Your Social Security Retirement

Workers approaching retirement will be able to estimate the amount of their social security checks by using a new, do-it-yourself leaflet, Mr. William J. Vinson, social security manager, said today.

The leaflet, "Estimating Your Social Security Retirement Check," provides an easy step-by-step method to make a rought estimate, Mr. Vinson said.

Free copies can be obtained at the Lynchburg Social Security Office, Tarkington Building, 2600 Memorial Avenue, Lynchburg, Va., 24501. Workers can have a copy mailed to them by phoning 847-8856.

The table of benefits shows how much retired workers can get at 65, 64, 63 and 62. Also, it lists benefit amounts for a wife at 65, 64, 63 and 62, as well as children's benefits.

The biggest check social security can pay to a worker retiring at 65 in 1972 is $259.40 a month. Under present law, this maximum will rise to $323.40 in 1980. Many workers will draw smaller checks, however, because their average earnings over the years were lower than the social security maximum.

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